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Immigration Alert: New Visa Processing Fees

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Effective April 13, 2012, the Department of State adjusted the visa processing fees applicable to beneficiaries applying for a new visa stamp at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Most nonimmigrant visa applications and Border Crossing Cards will increase, except for the E visas (treaty-traders and treaty-investors) and K visas (for fiancés of U.S. citizens). Additionally, all immigrant visa processing fees will decrease. The increase in fees will support the addition and expansion of overseas facilities, as well as additional staffing required to meet increased visa demand. Please see below for the new visa processing fees:

Nonimmigrant Visa Processing Fees

Type of Visa	Previous Fee	New Fee
Tourist, Business, Transit, Crew Member, Student, Exchange Visitor and Journalist Visas	\$140	\$160
Petition-Based Visas (H, L, O, P, Q and R)	\$150	\$190
Treaty Investor and trader Visas (E)	\$390	\$270
Fiancé Visas (K)	\$350	\$240
Border Crossing Cards (age 15 and older)	\$140	\$160
Border Crossing Cards (under age 15)	\$14	\$15

Immigrant Visa Processing Fees¹

Type of Visa	Previous Fee	New Fee
Immediate Relative and Family Preference Applications	\$330	\$230
Employment-Based Applications	\$720	\$405
Other Immigrant Visa Applications	\$305	\$220
Diversity Visa Program Fee	\$440	\$330
Determining Returning Resident Status	\$380	\$275

¹ Only applies when the applicant is applying for an immigrant visa from outside the U.S.